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In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2009, reconsideration and allowance of the rejection of independent claim 23 is requested for the following reasons.

In the outstanding Office Action, all pending claims (1-22) were allowed except for independent claim 23. Claim 23 was rejected under 35 USC § 103 as obvious over the Tokoro patent in view of the Baur patent. However, for the following reasons, it is submitted that claim 23 is allowable over this combination of references.

Independent claim 23 recites a balance spring made of a material which enables a thermal timekeeping change to be minimized so that the period of a mechanical oscillator in which it operates remains as constant as possible during changes in temperature. Independent claim 23 thus recites that the material of the balance spring is selected so that its thermal expansion coefficient and thermoelastic coefficient enable thermal variation to be compensated for by causing a decrease in length and an